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Tuesday
July 14th



Dearest Mother -

Ain't pay a word about this stationery! This is what the Navy provides in its ship's store!

It's dark, stormy, and raining outside - and it's windy. I was just out on the "fo'c'sle" for about 10 minutes and thoroughly enjoyed it. I had to brace myself against the wind, brush the rain out of my hair and eyelashes - but it felt and tasted good. The water below us was boiling and there were huge undercurrent-waves on one side (the windy side) - and boiling, white-capped water on

the other side. - And it's good to know that this kind of weather curbs the fighting to a great extent. (also keeps Ted-Chuck Charlie on his own side of the fence) - That's our Air raid, Bay, you know.

The Marines are back on the lines as of the 6th of July, but the casualties haven't been too bad so far - I'm disgusted with the Army - couldn't hold out even 3 months while the Marines have been up there 3 years. They can't even take care of their own men.

Whatever happened on the Finley deal?

Mom - they have fishing poles out here from \$10 - \$12 - know anyone you want to get one for for Xmas? - Or did I ask



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you that?

I do wish you
could buy Joe out.

Is there any chance of it?

Now about Johnnie's deal? Not
that I approve of it, but it's
better than Joe. You don't
need anyone of us working
for you, Mother. We could be
"partners" only if we stayed
away. - Which is why I think
you should investigate the
Veterans' program for such things.
I would like to own half of
it - but you would have
to hire someone & let his salary
come out of my half. What do
you think of it?

You asked about Harvey Clanton.
The paraplegic. I haven't heard a
word. I wrote Dr. Parritz about
2 weeks ago and should hear
from him before long. I asked
specifically about Harvey.

Raymond's letters sound
more encouraging these days. I
do hope things are better for them.
The children must be darling
by now. Has Pamela gained any
weight? She looked so thin when
I was home - so did Bette.

I haven't lost much weight
and sometimes I'm so tired and
drowsy - for 3 and 4 days -
that I can't decide if the
thyroid is enough or not.
They have me on 2 grs a day
now. I haven't had a BMR or
~~ECG~~ ECG - or blood work - since
Feb. and am due for some soon.



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This is my favorite.



Mother - if you like
any of this material - either the
texture or the print - let me know
& I'll buy it - & bring it home
with me. - That's the only way
material is cheaper. - By the
time you mail it, it has cost
as much as it would if you
bought it at home. I like all
three of these personally. The
really good cloisonné vases are
from \$22 to \$36 a pair. Do you
want some? I am going to buy
us a tea ~~set~~ set! They are so
pretty and dainty. And I'm
going to buy myself some
of that cut glass. When I get
home, we'll drink tea out of
those nice little cups, pour it out

of that pretty pot, and eat
cookies from those beautiful
cut glass plates - stir the tea
with Gorbani's Butterscup Spoon
too! - Just you and me
and we'll talk for hours.
(probably have to lock the doors
and take the receiver off the hook)
Well Dear Heart - Jim tries
and it's 11 PM so I'll say
goodnight.

Please write. Our mail
- magazine & all - has been
held up. A plane crashed
somewhere, then the floods
in Japan didn't help the deliveries
we had on R.R. They got lost!
Say hello to everyone.

Lots of love
Your daughter